

Book and Tract Department.

THE GOLDEN BAPTISM.

The editor tells us "The Golden Baptism" is printed, five hundred were sent for, from this place and two or three times that many will be used. The little tract can be put in a letter and sent to that friend. It will suggest a point, it may start an investigation, and we all know what an honest investigation of the truth means, one hundred copies can be sent out for twenty cents, the price of four cigars, and the hundred will result in something more than smoke. If church members were as earnest in scattering their literature as the political parties were in scattering their documents during the past few months, what a wonderful amount of good could be accomplished.

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"But tracts are wasted and abused." That is true, so are sermons, but that is no reason why sermons should not be preached, men abuse their bodies, but that is no reason why we should abuse our bodies, do you see! The abuse of one thing by one person is no reason why other parties should abuse the same thing, but rather an argument in favor of the proper use, a counterfeit coin is no reason for refusing the proper article. "I see cried the little man, I see, I see."

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The writer says along the same line:—"Some tracts will doubtless be wasted, just as many a sermon fails to reach the hearts of careless hearers; but we are encouraged to "sow beside all waters," and we never know on what soil the good seed may fall. One thing we do know, however, and that is that Jesus will appreciate the effort, for He hath said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"Though scoffers ask, 'Where is your gain?'
And mocking say, 'Your work is vain,'
These scoffers die and are forgot,
Work done for GOD, it dieth not."

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"We adore the kind providence that led Philip to cross the path of the Ethiopian at the moment when he was needed, but we forget that the same thing occurs every day. There is no such thing as chance in God's world, and those who seek to be led by the Spirit often find themselves messengers of mercy to some weary soul. A lady once traveled nearly two hundred miles to tell the writer personally how a little leaflet that he had given her the year before led to her conversion. By the use of a similar card a young man was led to give his heart to the Lord, and through his influence both his father and

mother were brought into the Master's service. A Christian worker in Nottingham, England, tells the following incident: "I was called to see a dying woman. I found her rejoicing in Christ, and asked her how she found the Lord. 'Reading that,' she replied, handing me a torn piece of paper. I looked at it and found that it was part of an American newspaper containing an extract from one of Spurgeon's sermons. 'Where did you find this newspaper?' I asked. She answered, 'It was wrapped around a parcel sent me from Australia.' Think of that! a sermon preached in London, conveyed to America, then to Australia, part of it torn off for the parcel despatched to England, and after all its wanderings giving the message of salvation to that woman's soul! Truly God's word shall not return unto Him void."

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One line of literature ought to receive special attention at this time. The spread of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. It is said the prayer-meeting is the pulse of the church; this is no doubt a truth. As are the social meetings, so may be judged the church, anyway. The paper, in touch with the various channels of usefulness, will help keep the pulse beating in a healthy condition. Take two churches, equal in number and environments; let the members of one church be readers of the church paper, and the other not; which think you would be the church to work in. I would decide for the church that sustained her literature. If the pastor with the official members will make a canvas in a business like way, many would subscribe and if members are not actually able to take the official organ, it should be sent them, not merely to keep them acquainted with the church work, but as an educator and keeper to develop their talents and bring out their ability. A special move and a move altogether, along the EVANGELIST line will do much to make the church, which means—make known Jesus.

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The following I have cut from Hasting's paper: The Christian. I have substituted the names of our own publications. Is it not applicable; read it closely, if one man, independent of all churches makes such a call, what should a church do that claims to have apostolic doctrine, which is essential to salvation.

It was said of some of old, "They shall be holpen with a little help." There are times when a little help counts for a great deal. When the engine is to be started, a little push carries it round the "dead center," and then everything goes easy.

We still need a little help, in carrying forward our work during the next few months. We ought within the next two months to receive five thousand dollars to meet coming bills, and accomplish work

which is already in hand. We believe this amount would carry us through the spring comfortably.

We are asking the Lord, if he sees good to send us this money. Times are hard! Collections are very slow! And men are economizing at every point, still we believe the Lord has for us "a little help;" and we trust that our readers will unite with us in prayer, and in labor, to accomplish this desired result.

Everyone who can scatter copies of papers, books, tracts; who can purchase and distribute; who can induce others to subscribe for the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, or purchase papers, or books, or tracts, or can extend the circulation of our books and tracts, will afford a little help; and the many littles will carry us safely through. Thousands of people are far worse off than we are; failures are the order of the day. Thousands of great business houses have gone down; about 125 railways are said to be in receivers hands; distress is widespread in this and other countries, yet the Lord keeps us in peace. We believe he has a care for the Brethren church, and we look to him that we may "BE HOLPEN WITH A LITTLE HELP."

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The time will soon be here when you will give your friend or members of the family a Christmas gift. What nicer than a year's subscription to the EVANGELIST, or a nice Bible; for scripture searchers the Holman edition is just the thing. The home at Ashland will satisfy you, and the wave of influence you start may never cease until it breaks on the eternal shore.

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AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Some persons are wide awake to sin. They plot wickedness and study mischief by night and day. Some are awake to money getting; sharp for every penny. Others are awake to ambition, pride, and personal advancement. Some are awake to pleasure seeking; their lower nature is awake, their higher nature is asleep.

God calls on men to awake. He would rouse man's higher nature, until conscience is convinced and the moral nature is quickened into activity. "Awake to righteousness and sin not." "Let us not sleep as do others." "They that sleep sleep in the night, but let us who are of the day be sober." Such are the Scriptural admonitions; and they are by no means superfluous. Danger lurks. Time is short. Judgment hastens. Eternity comes. "It is high time to wake out of sleep." "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of the truth."